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15 May 1956

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Eastern European Division

THROUGH : Chief, EE/O  
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SUBJECT : Comments on Memorandum of Conversation with CAUSA  
(EDNA 8720)

1. Your attention is invited to paragraph four of reference memorandum from [ ] [ ]. During my trip in Germany [ ] I discussed this matter with me and I offered the following comment which I wish to make a matter of record.

2. I have, of course, no knowledge as to the personnel whom CAUSA referred to in his conversation of 25 April. However, it occurred to me that a likely candidate for leading the opposition against CAUSA may very well be Mr. Paul FRIEDMANN, presently employed as editor of the German edition of News From Behind the Iron Curtain by RFE, Munich. Mr. Friedmann is a naturalized American citizen, originally from Nurnberg, Germany. He came to the United States some time in the 1930s and during the second world war served with the U.S. Army. In 1945 he was assigned to OCCWC, initially as interpreter and apparently later to the section which prepared German documentation for the prosecuting staff at the Nurnberg War Crimes Trials. Toward the end of 1946 he was hired as political analyst by the Intelligence Section of Information Control Division, Office of Military Government for Bavaria. He held this position until January 1948 when the Intelligence Section of ICD, OMGB was merged with the Intelligence Branch OMGB and he became the Political Analyst of the combined Intelligence Division OMGB. Some time during the summer of 1948 the ten-year citizenship rule was enforced by General Clay and Mr. Friedmann received a notice of dismissal. His case was taken up by the Civilian Employees Association of OMGB and under the pressure of press publications Mr. Friedmann's services were retained. He changed jobs and became an editor of the Neue Zeitung and in either 1949 or 1950 joined the staff of the Policy Reports Secretary, HICOG. In this position he contributed greatly to the drafting and editing of the High Commissioners Quarterly Report to the Secretary of State. Mr. Friedmann fell under the reduction in force in early 1953, but remained in Germany. He obtained an accreditation for an obscure English publication, thereby retaining U.S. Army logistics support. Simultaneously he was working toward a Ph.D at Frankfurt University and was also an instructor at the Institute for Sociology of the University of Frankfurt. He obtained this position through the help of Professor Max HORCHHEIMER, Director of the Institute for Sociology and at that time Rector of the University of Frankfurt. (HORCHHEIMER is an naturalized American citizen who is permitted to retain his American citizenship even though he

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has been a resident in Germany for about ten years) Finally, in the fall of 1954, Mr. Friedmann was employed in his present position with RFE.

3. Mr. Friedmann is a rather bright and intelligent young man with great facility in political analysis and writing. These qualities have, however, been consistently negated through his uninterrupted meddling in inner German affairs. In his various official capacities he has had access to a great volume of background information on practically all of the leading personalities in Germany. I know from personal knowledge that CAUSA has been a particular subject of his opposition since CAUSA is the "celebrated" author of a commentary of the Nurnberg Racial Laws. Friedmann has also always maintained excellent relationships with Karl GEROLD and other editors of the Frankfurter Rundschau. As I stated above, I can not be sure that Friedmann is one of the persons whom CAUSA has in mind but he fits the description and without discussing this particular instance I found out from Mr. Ernest LANGENDORF, his immediate supervisor, that he continues to meddle in inner German affairs as heretofore. In addition Mr. Langendorf informed me that it is becoming more and more difficult to work together with Mr. Friedmann whom he considers "almost a mental case."

4. It is recommended that the above information be discussed with Chief, ID.

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